

School Building Subcommittee of the Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Special Meeting
February 28, 2012

Present: Kristin Schwab, Bill Lennon, Lynn Stoddard

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by chair Lynn Stoddard.

Based on the suitability analysis process discussed on 2/22, the subcommittee created overlay maps. First, the subcommittee agreed upon two areas of town that are community hubs (i.e., concentration of community amenities, housing, public spaces): Storrs Center and Mansfield Center. In addition to being existing community hubs, these two areas provide the diversity of north and south orientation and a densely developed hub versus a village hub. A circle with a 2-mile radius was drawn around the center of each community hub.

Next participants made tracing paper overlays, using maps from the Plan of Conservation and Development, showing each of the following constraints: wetlands, prime agricultural land. Overlays were also made of the following opportunities: cultural and civic sites (denser mixed use areas, library, churches, town hall, community center, high school, cemeteries, etc), existing residential neighborhoods, and potential “complete” streets (i.e., areas with sidewalks and bike lanes). In addition, an overlay was made of existing preserved open space, which could be viewed as a constraint (don’t build on this land) and an opportunity (valuable in proximity to a school).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Stoddard